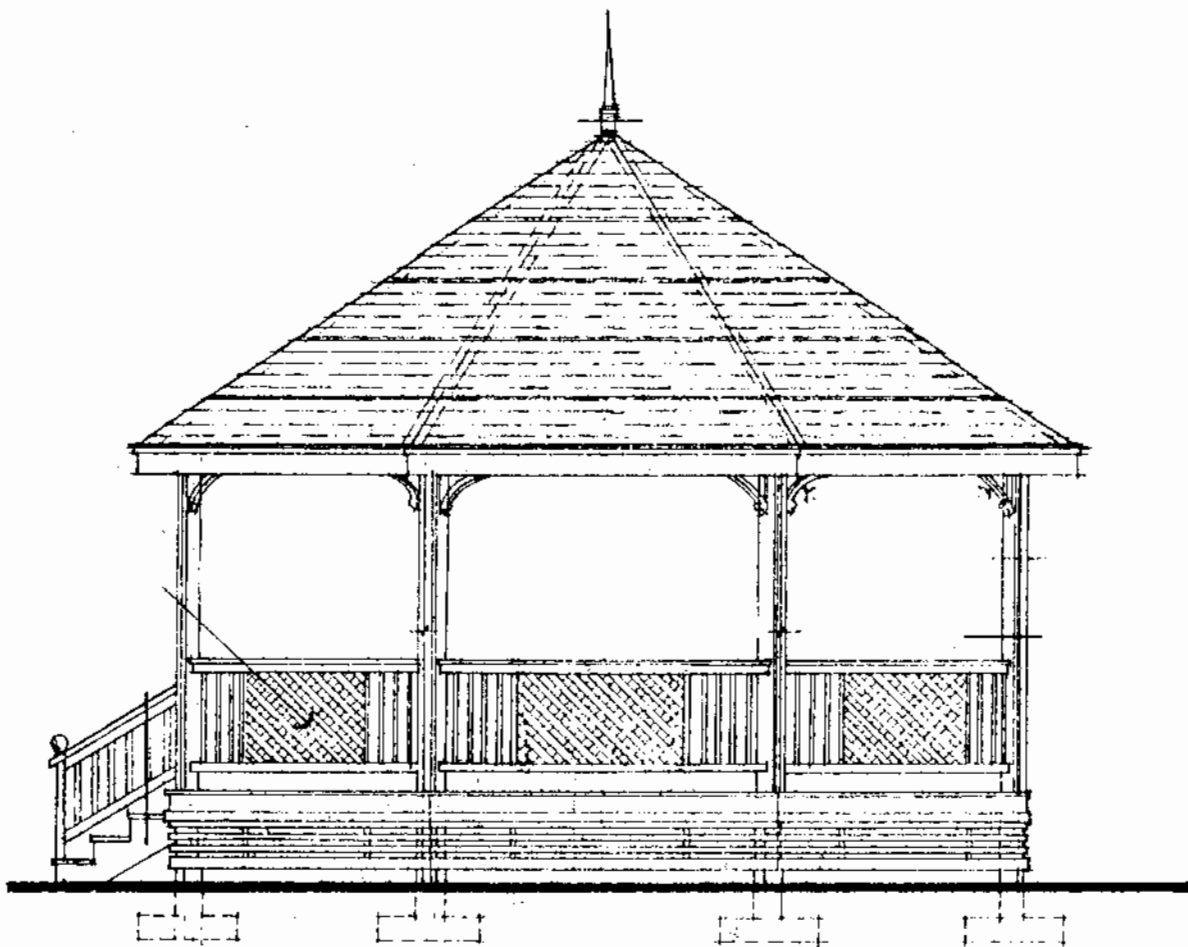


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Elizabeth Park 1884-1984



Elizabeth Park was platted by Henry Roeder in 1884 and named for his wife. In honor of the park's centennial, Eldridge Society has built a gazebo, similar to the one that once stood there. It will be about 25-30 feet in diameter, large enough to accommodate a band. It is our hope that the Park Department will use it as a public bandstand for free concerts. It will also be available for groups to reserve and for regular "Saturday afternoon picnics."

Rob Visser has been in charge of this project and has generously donated some of the materials and work himself. He drew up some plans using old photos as a guide, and asked architect Vic Trodella to design it. Most of the construction will be done by a local contractor with some finishing work done by Eldridge volunteers. The contractor will be finished with his part by September 15th so we will have time to paint it before the Home Tour on September 29th and 30th.

The Park and especially the gazebo will be an added feature on this year's Home Tour. Mayor Tim Douglas and Park Director Byron Elmendorf will be there for a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony from 1-3 PM on Saturday. The Park Department will also be planning other festivities during that time.

There will be barbershop quartet singing throughout the weekend of the tour along with antique cars parked around the perimeter of the park. All the activities at the park will be free so we encourage everyone to come and celebrate with us. You may buy tickets for the Home Tour at the park that day and at the Aftermath Club.

Thanks to your continued support to the success of our annual Home Tour, we can afford to improve our neighborhood with projects like these.